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SUBJECT: TARAPUR

1. WE QUOTE BELOW THE TEXT OF LETTER WE PLAN TO SEND IN RESPONSE TO SETHNA'S REPLY OF JULY 10 ON ASSURANCES RE TARAPUR. WE INTEND FIRST, HOWEVER, TO MEET WITH INDIAN EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER RAMAKRISHNA TO DISCUSS THIS APPROACH AND TRY TO GET INDIAN EMBASSY SUPPORT WITH GOI FOR AGREED AND PRACTICAL WAY AROUND TARAPUR DIFFICULTY. WE PROPOSE TO SHOW RAMAKRISHNA OUR DRAFT AND ASK THAT HE GIVE US DRAFT OF THEIR PROPOSED RESPONSE. OUR PURPOSE IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WOULD BE TO GET THE SPECIFIC ASSURANCES WE NEED PRECLUDING USE OF U.S. MATERIAL FOR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WHILE NOT REQUIRING THE INDIANS TO RENOUNCE THEIR GENERAL POSITION ON PNE'S. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN ATMOSPHERE SET BY SECRETARY'S TALK WITH KEWAL SINGH WE MIGHT GET GREATER DEGREE OF COOPERATION FROM INDIANS ON THIS SCORE THAN WAS APPARENT IN LETTER OF JULY 10.

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2. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF EXCHANGE WE HAVE HERE

SINCE WE WILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT AT THAT END AS WELL.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS: "DEAR DR. SETHNA: REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY LETTER TO YOU DATED JUNE 19, 1974 WITH RESPECT TO SHIP-

MENTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL AND OTHER MATERIAL TO THE TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION AND YOUR RESPONSE DATED JULY 10, 1974.

YOUR RESPONSE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE MADE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR THE NATURE OF THE ASSURANCE THAT WE NEED. WHAT WE REQUIRE IS A SPECIFIC, WRITTEN ASSURANCE FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT ALL OF THE SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN OR IS HEREAFTER MADE AVAILABLE FOR, OR USED OR PRODUCED IN, THE TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION WILL BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE NEEDS OF THAT STATION OR OTHER AGREED PURPOSES THAT DO NOT INCLUDE USE IN A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIPT OF THE REQUESTED CONFIRMATION IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PROMPTLY PROCEED WITH FURTHER SHIPMENTS.

SINCERELY, DIXY LEE RAY." KISSINGER

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